



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

Welcome to the **February 2018 E-news**

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*Items for the next E-news before 9am **Thursday, March 1st** please.*

Do visit our **WEBSITE** on a regular basis. www.theadleu3a.org. It contains a calendar of events, information on activities, how to contact committee members, group leaders and much, **much** more.

COFFEE MORNING

THERE WILL BE COFFEE MORNING WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY - (Webpage)

CALLING ALL MEMBERS...

I thought I'd get in early and update you all on the current status of your committee. We have one vacancy and one committee member who has decided it is time to stand down. This means we will have two vacancies to fill this year. So, if you feel you would like to contribute to our U3A's continued success please give me a ring or email me, my contact details are on the website. We currently have four meetings a year, plus the AGM in April, other than that we correspond usually via e-mail if anything crops up in between meetings. Some roles require more input than others, but at this stage these are not the roles which are vacant so it will be an ideal opportunity to join the committee and familiarise yourself with its workings. I'm sure that somewhere in our 900 plus membership there are those who can spare some time to help us on our way forward. Whatever your skills we'd like to hear from you.

Chris Mawdsley, Cheadle U3A Chairman

SOCIAL EVENTS

CONCERT in aid of HOMELINK

The Ukulele group with guests are presenting a concert on **Saturday 3 March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church. Tickets are priced at just £5** to include light refreshments. All proceeds are for the support of Homelink.

This will be the by now familiar, jolly sing-along with the ukulele group but also with other guests offering poetry and instrumental music to give variety to the evening. This might just be a fun way to kiss Goodbye to the Winter!

Barry Barnett will have tickets at the next coffee morning (on 14 February) or you can order them by telephoning him on **01538 755796**.

The annual jazz session on March 10th

The 6th annual jazz session in connection with the Cheadle Arts Festival.

We support the Donna Louise Charity. This takes place at the Cheadle Guild Hall at 7.30 pm and features Lee Slater (saxes) with 'Just Friends' and Marc Challinor with the Wabash Jazzmen. Tickets available through the One Shop Cheadle High Street, Stella Heritage **01538 702097**, Lee Slater **01782 394325**, The Arts Forum, & Cyril Colgate.

Lee Slater

Cheadle Arts Festival March 2018

The Cheadle and District Arts Forum, who have staged the Cheadle Arts Festival Week for the past ten years have proposed that the whole month of March be utilised for Cheadle Arts Festival this year.

The established events, namely the Cre-8 Day for crafters will take place on Saturday 10th March and the Jazz Night that evening, and the Showcase for artists will be on Saturday 17th March. The High Street Gallery, which is unique to Cheadle will be held between those two dates, but the rest of the Month is open to anyone wishing to stage an Arts Event – art/craft/music/dance!

Anyone who would like to take advantage of this will be included in our advertising leaflets. These will be distributed throughout Cheadle and surrounding villages.

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GROUP NEWS

SHORT WALKS - ([Webpage](#))

Date: Start:	Leader:
Feb 12 Stone, Aston Marina, canal paths, roads and a few fields	Arthur and Mick
Feb 19 Consall, using both sides of the Churnet Valley so some hills up and down	Alan and Beryl
Feb 26 Milwich, all road and no stiles	Tony
Mar 5 Rudyard Lake	Judy and Dot

Alan Mendelson, Short Walks Leader, Telephone: **01538 703161**

RAMBLING GROUP - ([Webpage](#)) - ([Gallery](#))

Titesworth 8th Jan. 2018 (PhotoLink)		Fulford (05-02-18) (PhotoLink)	
Date:	Details: (<i>For Milage contact leaders</i>)	Leader:	Contact:
JFEB 5TH	FULFORD	BRIAN H.	01782397420
FEB 12TH	CHEADLE	GLYNIS	01538752815
FEB 19TH	CAULK ABBEY	NORMAN	01538754671
FEB 26TH	DENFORD	PHIL	01538756256
MAR 5TH	CANNOCK CHASE	ANGELA	01538751094

FEBRUARY PUB STROLL ([Webpage](#))

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
FEB 21ST	The Bridge, Alton, ST10 4BX	Elaine/Austin	01538 702225

ARCHITECTURE ([Webpage](#))

We meet once again on the 21st February to look at the Anglo Saxon migrants, how they arrived here after the Romans left, where they settled and the shape and form of their settlements. They were warrior farmers so once they drove out or made slaves of the inhabitants they farmed the land until, firstly the Vikings came and then the Normans. They were skilled in timber buildings but they learnt from the Roman structures and pillaged them, but only to make their churches as they were practicing Christians. I have managed to find some wonderful photographs of the few Saxon churches that are left and they give an insight into their form of worship. These are sweet, simple buildings that must have been magnificent places for worship in their time. Anglo Saxon art is exquisite and we will look at the magnificent pieces excavated at Sutton Hoo and the findings of The Staffordshire Hoard, some of it made in England and some of it brought in from Europe as they were great traders. When the Vikings invaded they eventually came to a resolution with the Saxons and divided the country into two halves, until eventually the Saxons established a civil society that in some respects lasted until today. Then came the Normans and the start of a whole new form of exciting architecture for England that we will look at next month. This is a fascinating story with some great images and videos, I just hope you can make it.

David Slade MA RIBA DPAGB

TRAVEL & LANDSCAPE - (*Advance Notice for March 8th*) - ([Webpage](#))

Owing to the date of E-News following our monthly meetings in February and March, the final meeting of the winter will be on Thursday March 8th at 1.30pm at Tean Church Hall. Elaine is presenting her Baltic Cruise and Phil will show Part 2 of Loire Chateaux, featuring the iconic Chenonceau (a French Royal favourite) and Chaumont-sur-Loire.

Phil Boyer - TandL@theadleu3a.org

VERSE AND WORSE - Alan & Barbara Lewis - ([Webpage](#))

On January 23rd the group, together with guests, was treated to an enjoyable session, featuring Paul Fox, and his humorous poetic compositions, some accompanied by him on his 12 string guitar. Stafford based Paul has visited us on several occasions and has occasionally guested at ukulele gigs and always gives an enjoyable recitation. On this occasion there was a total attendance of about 50 people, over 30 of whom were guests and not members of the group. This was very gratifying not only for us, but also for Paul, who normally plays to an audience of some 30 people when he visits us. So pleased and shocked was he that he altered his planned programme, as there was a sizeable number who had not heard him before. He had intended to interlace his humour with some slightly more serious offerings but decided to make us all laugh throughout instead. He was able to sell some of his books during the interval. Incidentally if anyone should want to purchase they can do so via me, I will be glad to pass any orders over to Paul. It would be good to have Paul make a return visit in the not too distant future when he could perhaps introduce some of his other work. If

you attended the session and enjoyed it please pass this on to others within Cheadle U3A as they may wish to come and enjoy his next recital. Poetry may possibly have a reputation for being all about daffodils etc and Paul certainly dispels this illusion.

Finally we can currently take one or two new members in our group if anyone is interested. Just contact Alan and Barbara on **01538 754208** if you wish to know more.

MUSIC ENJOYMENT - Alan Lewis - ([Webpage](#))

The group has recently enjoyed a superb performance of Puccini's ever popular Tosca from The Royal Opera House starring superstars, Romanian soprano Angela Georgiou, Welsh baritone Bryn Terfel and German tenor Jason Kaufmann in the lead roles. Some wonderful singing and acting together with brilliant music under the baton of Antonio Pappano. This will be followed by a documentary about the impresario Matthew Bourne and his Sleeping Beauty ballet and a performance thereof which will have been seen before publication of this ENews. The next meeting will be on February 28th. On that day and on the following Wednesday March 7th the group will watch a performance of the brilliant comic opera Der Rosenkavalier by the German composer Richard Strauss (no relation to the Viennese Waltz Strauss family). This is a brand new performance from the Met Opera in America (2017) and stars American operatic superstar Renee Fleming in a farewell performance as the Marschallin and Eline Garcia in her final turn as Octavian. The opera is sung in German but as in all performances we watch there are subtitles so there is no problem in following the story. We start at 10:00am in the Guild Hall.

Any further information can be obtained by ringing me on: **01538 754208** or email: alan.lewis@theadleu3a.org

CHESS - "EXERCISE FOR THE BRAIN" ([Webpage](#))

The Cheadle U3A Chess Group averages six players per week. We are keen to attract more people to join us, e.g. two players who would like to start again, and those who would like to learn. We meet in the Guild Hall Oakley Room every Tuesday from 2pm.

Gordon Shaw, Group Leader (**01538 755613**).

CARD CRAFT CLASS ([Webpage](#))

Card Class starts up again Tuesday Mornings 10.0.a.m.-12.0.0 Tuesday February 21st at the Cricket Club

THANK YOU

Cheadle Fairtrade Group would like to thank Cheadle U3A, and Dawn and her helpers particularly, for using Fairtrade tea and coffee at your monthly Coffee Mornings and for inviting us to run a Fairtrade Stall there, too. Dawn's helpers now have a wide selection of teas and coffees on offer, many of them Fairtrade. We appreciate the support. Members are now well aware of Fairtrade products, and are always very willing to try out many of the goods our stall provides. We have gained a very faithful clientele!

Takings of £379.15 for 11 months is an excellent total, and our local Traidcraft rep, Mrs. Ann Thorley, joins us in thanking all members for their continued support of Fairtrade. Over nearly 9 years this amounts to almost **£3,698!**

We are happy to report that Uttoxeter successfully gained Fairtrade Town status in March 2017, with some assistance from Cheadle Fairtrade Group, after almost 2 year's hard work on their campaign.

We hope to continue providing a regular stall for you during the coming year and invite all members to look out in the local press for Fairtrade activities in Cheadle during Fairtrade Fortnight - 26th February - 11th March 2018.

Yours faithfully, Mary Blunt, Secretary

FOOD BANK

The following items are needed please:

Cereals, sugar, honey, jam (NOT marmalade), UHT Milk.

Thank you!